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The losses sustained by three of our townsmen by the fire at Accomac C. H., last Monday night calls forth the warmest sympathy of all the citizens of our town and vicinity and many doubtless would be glad of the opportunity to help them in some other way. The citizens who have suffered though are among the most enterprising and industrious of the county, who have faced difficulties before and surmounted them and will have the pluck, doubtless to do so again, even if their earnings have been so largely swept away from them in a night. It is to be hoped, at least, that all may see their way clear to resume their business again soon, and that those who have escaped the misfortune which has overtaken them, may be ready to extend the helping hand to them.

William McKinley, Jr., of Ohio, was the choice of the Republicans of Illinois, at their convention held last week, and that, too, despite the fact that one of her sons, Senator Cullum, is a candidate for the presidency, and expected the honor of being the standard bearer in the presidential contest of the Republican party of that State. The boom thus given him, it is claimed, will have the effect of causing him to obtain the Republican nomination for the Presidency on the first ballot. Reed, Morton and the other aspirants now do not seem to be "in it." It is stated that he is within thirty-one votes of the majority necessary to nominate him at St. Louis, and he will doubtless be the nominee of his party, but if the charges which are now being made so freely against him in his party, be true, he will occupy a very embarrassing position after the nomination.

Hon. William A. Jones, the representative in Congress from this district, is reported in the Baltimore Sun as saying that "there can no longer be a question that the whole fight at Chicago will be over the platform. If the silver men, as I think they will, then we can select one of a dozen good men whose names I might mention as the candidate for the Presidency. If the gold men win at Chicago, I am firmly convinced that it matters little who the nominee is, because under such circumstances I do not believe the party will have the ghost of a chance to carry the country, although I am prepared to support the nominee of the convention."

All of the counties in Virginia that have elected delegates to the Democratic State Convention, so far with one exception, it is stated, have chosen free silver men and fully half of them have been instructed in favor of the unit rule. Sound money leaders, it is said, have about given up all hope of stemming the silver tide, and it looks now as if Daniel would have his own way at the convention. Thus far fourteen counties have elected delegates to the convention.

The debate on the eligibility of women as delegates to the Methodist General Conference now in session at Cleveland, Ohio, has engaged much of the attention of that body. They have not yet been admitted, and Dr. Neely, of Philadelphia, who is leading in the fight against them, says, "that the question is not one that involves chivalry or popular demand, and that it is a part of the Methodist constitution that the governing power is with the men."

Most Worshipful J. P. Fitzgerald, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, has accepted an invitation extended by the board of directors of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association to lay at noon of Thursday the 2d day of July next, the corner stone of the monument which it is proposed to erect in Monroe Square, Richmond, as a memorial to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States.

Congress will adjourn Monday May 13th. A resolution to that effect was introduced in the House Wednesday and passed without division. The announcement will be received with gratification throughout our country. It has done nothing to promote its prosperity and there is nothing that can be so easily dispensed with.

A New Orleans exchange notes that while the South has gained 34 per cent. in population during the last 20 years the enrollment of its school attendance has increased 130 per cent. The value of Southern school property is also shown to have increased at the same time from \$16,000,000 to \$51,000,000, and the amount expended for educational purposes in the South for the same period foots up \$320,000,000.

Fitz Lee will not start to Cuba for a week or more yet. He has returned to his home in Lynchburg where he will make his arrangements to go. The general has a son in Huntington, W. Va., and he will make a flying visit to him before leaving Virginia.

GENERAL NEWS.

Rev. John A. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died in Richmond Monday.

Hamilton Diston, the well known saw manufacturer, was found dead in his bed at his home in Philadelphia, Friday morning of last week.

Attention has been called to the fact that every one of the Republicans prominently mentioned for President, excepting Governor Morton, voted in Congress for the Force bill.

Rev. L. B. Betty, of the Virginia Conference, pastor of Monumental Methodist Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, has been selected by Stonewall Camp to deliver the oration on Memorial Day in Portsmouth.

The schooner Good Intent, said to be the oldest craft registered in the official list of merchant vessels, is about ready to start out on her eighty-fourth year of cruising from town, where she has been tied up during the winter.

A close estimate of the crop of oranges in Southern California this season, made by the president of the Southern California Fruit Exchange, puts it at 9,000 car loads, or 2,700,000 boxes. This is an increase of about 400,000 boxes over last season.

The editor of the News, Bristol, Va., has caught the sentimental spirit of the season and gives expression to his feeling in the following paragraph: "He who does not love music and poetry has no soul, and he who does not love—desperately love—a good woman, has no sense."

John Johnson, colored, aged about 18 years, who brutally murdered Charles Carter, a clerk, with an axe on the 31st of March last, has been sentenced by the court at Lancaster C. H., Va., to be hanged on Friday, June 13. Johnson confessed the crime and said that he alone committed it.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry, agent of the Peabody fund, who has been much interested in the subject of manual training in the public schools, has written a letter to Hon. John E. Massey, suggesting that a department of manual training be added to the course of instruction of the School of Methods. It is understood that Mr. Massey favors the scheme.

Over a year ago a Pennsylvania man proclaimed the theory that if anybody gave up the use of liquor and tobacco on April 13, he would never desire to drink or use the weed again. Several of his friends tried the experiment on April 13, 1895, and, curiously enough, not one of them has returned to pipe or bottle. So there may be good in the number 13 after all.

A well posted politician speaking of the report that the Republican ticket in Virginia next year may be Walker, for governor, Flanagan for lieutenant-governor, and Lewis for attorney-general says, "there would certainly be fusion between the Republicans and Populists. In that event the 'pops' will have to be given a place on the ticket and Mr. J. Haskins Hobson or Judge James M. Gregory may be put up for lieutenant governor."

About 1,000 men have stopped work and demanded salary at the shipyard of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company. This action on the part of employees was brought about by the new time system. This system is called the clock system, and each man has a key and registers his own time. The men claim that much time is lost in the morning on the clock, and at dinner hour on account of having to wait in turn to register.

It is stated in Norfolk that in pursuance of an agreement signed last week, nearly all manufacturers of North Carolina fine lumber have shut down their mills for an indefinite period. The mills thus suspending operations produce about 600,000,000 feet of lumber annually. The new move is said to be a preliminary step toward the formation of a strong association to increase and maintain the prices for lumber and to control the output of North Carolina pine.

The diocese of Virginia will hold its hundred and first annual Episcopal Council on Wednesday the 30th day of this month at St. Paul's church at Alexandria. It will be in session for two or three days, according to the amount of business that before it. Bishop Francis M. Whittle, the head of the diocese, will preside, while the Assistant Bishop, Right Rev. John B. Newton, will be on hand to assist him if necessary. Rev. Everard Meade, the diocesan missionary, is secretary of the Council.

The President by his signature Thursday extended the provisions of the civil service law to 30,000 Government employees, increasing the number of positions on the classified list from 55,736 to 85,135, and with a few minor exceptions, between the extremes of officials whose confirmation by the Senate is constitutionally requisite, down to mere laborers and workmen, governmental appointments are withdrawn as far as possible from political influence, and protected in their tenure of office by the merit system.

There are over a thousand men in New York and Brooklyn, according to the latest returns, who are worth between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 each, and the most of them are entirely unknown to the general public. Only two citizens of New York—John D. Rockefeller and W. W. Astor—are supposed to be worth more than \$100,000,000 apiece, but there are nine who are each worth \$50,000,000 and over, as well as two estates of like amount. The total number of millionaires in these two cities is greater than in all the rest of the country.

Rev. Alberto Diaz, the Southern Baptist missionary expelled from Cuba by Weyler, in a long interview, tells appalling stories of atrocities being committed by the Spanish. In the last two weeks, in the rural districts of San Miguel, De Pardon, and Minato, Mr. Diaz says, Colonel Fondeville has had more than 100 persons butchered, and then reported them to the outside world as having been killed in battle. Among those killed were children 12 and 15 years of age. The victims were compelled to dig their own graves before being shot. Colonel Fondeville is one of Weyler's favorites, and is acting under the Captain General's orders.

Some of the most influential Democrats in Virginia are opposed to the Staunton convention taking any action upon the question of calling a constitutional convention, except to answer the charges made against the party in the platform adopted by the Republicans. The idea is that the Staunton convention will probably have as much as it can well attend to in wrestling with the silver question and unit rule. It has been suggested, and the proposition meets with the approval of the influential Democrats in the State, to call another convention early next spring solely to consider the question of assembling a constitutional convention.—Cor. Baltimore Sun.

License Tax.

Having learned that there is an idea prevailing among some persons who are subject to a license tax for the privilege of carrying on certain kinds of business and professions that they have the right to put off obtaining license until July, we herewith append the requirements of the law:

Section 535 of code requires every person to obtain from the commissioner of the revenue a license to conduct such business or profession before he enters upon said business—and all licenses expire on the 30th day of April of each year.

Section 532 of code requires the commissioner of revenue to present every person conducting a business or profession without a license to the first grand jury after the 1st day of May, which comes this year at May term of the county court.

Very respectfully,
WM. D. TUNNELL,
Com. Rev. District No. 2.
JOHN T. CHANDLER,
Com. Rev. District No. 1.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Arrivals at Shield's Hotel, Exmore, F. M. Topping, G. H. Lewis, E. F. Haas, New York; W. H. Michael, Philadelphia; Wm. Tension, Chesapeake; B. Simons, Baltimore; G. W. Hodsden, Boston; S. C. Canfield, Wm. Brown, C. R. Herbert, Norfolk; E. L. Holliday, W. H. Hamberger, E. Selby, West Clark, Wilmington; C. H. Hunting, Hartford, Conn.; E. G. Fox, Dr. Geo. W. LeCato, Miss Westcott, Accomac; J. Lee Winder, H. C. Wyatt, W. A. Ames, Northampton.

FOR SALE—Corn at 45 cents per bushel and bran and middlings at 90 cents per 100 lbs. at D. H. Johnson & Son, Parkside, Va.

NOTICE—All persons having any stock in the Chesconness school-house will please meet me, the undersigned, at the schoolhouse on next Saturday, May 9th, 2 o'clock, for settlement of rent. John W. Marsh.

FOR LOAN—\$1,500, the whole or in sums not less than \$500, to any one person on unencumbered real estate exclusive of buildings. M. Oldham, Jr., receiver.

LAND FOR SALE—Several nice farms of different sizes, water situations, &c., improved with buildings, in Northampton county, Va. If not sold before August, will be for rent for 1897. Apply to T. M. Scott, Onancock, Va.

NOTICE—Save Money—and buy your tombstones and monuments of W. F. R. Cropper, Chincoteague Va. Agent for Davis & Bro., Laurel Del.

NOTICE—Use Blackstone's Strawberry Chill and Fever Cure for chills and fever and la grippe, &c. Never fails to cure. For sale by all druggists and merchants. Price 50 cents. E. C. Blackstone, Proprietor, Millsboro, Del.

FOR RENT—Brick storehouse at Accomac C. H. Possession given May 1st, 1896. Apply to Thos. W. Blackstone.

FOR SALE—Corn delivered at Kendall Grove Station, Box Tree landing on seaside, or my landing on bay side at two dollars (\$2) per barrel. Robinson Nottingham, Eastville, Va.

FOR SALE—Wyandotte and Brown Leghorn eggs for hatching, warranted true and setting of 1. Geo. W. Covington, New Church, Va.

NOTICE—Ten dollars reward for the return of my bicycle, and no questions asked. All persons are warned against purchasing the same. Spencer R. Watson, Onancock, Va.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP—The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the name of Sparrow & Marsh has been dissolved this day by mutual consent. F. W. Sparrow being succeeded by F. L. Evans. All persons indebted to Sparrow & Marsh are requested to settle at once either by note or cash with the new firm of Marsh & Evans who will receive all amounts due to, and assume all liabilities of the old firm. F. W. Sparrow, C. W. Marsh, Harborton, Va., April 21, 1896.

NOTICE—A positive cure for rheumatism. Anyone suffering from rheumatism can be cured by writing and giving full particulars of their suffering with the dreadful disease. Address all letters to the Millsboro Drug Co., box 42, Millsboro, Del.

NOTICE—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Island Club, will be held at the Club House on Revel's Island, Accomac county, Va., on the third Thursday of May, (21) 1896, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m., for the election of officers and other business. By order of the Board of Directors. George H. Christy, Secretary.

SPROUTS, SPROUTS—500,000, more or less, Improved Big Stem Jersey sweet potato sprouts for sale at prices to suit the times and season. Write for circular of instructions, testimonials, and prices. W. L. Elzey, Exmore, Va.

NOTICE—A male hog, white, no marks, left my premises about two months ago. Suitable reward paid for information of him or return to me. W. R. Drummond, Sanford, Va.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Tract of land containing 65 acres in Bell's Neck. J. W. Kellam, M. D., Locustville, Va.

NOTICE—Why do you suffer from rheumatism, lumbago, kidney and bladder diseases, &c., when by writing and giving full particulars of your diseases you can be cured for a small sum of money. Address all letters to Millsboro Drug Co., Millsboro, Del.

FOR SALE—Four horses—one raised in county, 6 years old, sound and good driver—one mare 5 years old this spring, sound and gentle and other two, good farm horses—all cheap. J. D. Johnson, Parkside, Va.

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Onancock, Va.

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